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TEMPE MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR METH DISTRIBUTION AND CONSPIRACY

TUCSON, Ariz. – David Alan Kizer, age 37, of Tempe, Ariz, was sentenced today to 20 years in prison by U.S. District Judge Frank R. Zapata in Tucson federal court. Kizer pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine and Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine in violation of Title 21, U.S. Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1). After serving his 20-year sentence, Kizer, who had two previous drug-related convictions, will be placed on supervised release for five years.

Kizer was arrested in November 2001 and indicted for Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine and Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine along with 15 co-defendants, the majority of whom came from the greater Sierra Vista area. In connection with his guilty plea, Kizer admitted that he and another co-defendant had supplied multi-pound quantities of methamphetamine to a Sierra Vista methamphetamine organization on a weekly basis during most of 2001.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration, in conjunction with officers from the Bisbee Police Department, Sierra Vista Police Department, Cochise County Sheriff's Department and the Gang Interdiction Team Enforcement Mission ("GITEM" Task Force).

The prosecution was handled by Carin C. Duryée , Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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